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TAGS: CASC

SUBJ: HARCOS AND FLETCHER

REF: NEW DELHI 13769

1. MOST DELAYS IN THE CASE HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY POLICE REQUESTS FOR MORE TIME TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATION. AFTER NOV 15 DEADLINE WAS SET ANOTHER PARTY WAS ARRESTED, AN AS YET UNIDENTIFIED (TO US) INDIAN WHO POLICE CONTEND HELPED HARCOS/FLETCHER GAIN ACCESS TO DOCKS. ACCORDING TO PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, THE AUTHORITIES ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO TIE IN ANOTHER AMERICAN, BELA HARCOS JR., BROTHER OF DETAINEE RICHARD.

2. THESE MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE GIVEN MORE AMMUNITION

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TO THE POLICE IN REQUESTING POSTPONEMENTS. HARCOS/FLETCHER

ATTORNEY FEARS CASE WILL CONTINUE TO BE DELAYED AS POLICE  
COME UP WITH NEW ANGLES TO INVESTIGATE AND CONVINCE MAGIS-  
TRATE THAT FURTHER INVESTIGATITN IS NECESSARY.

3. COMMENT: THERE MAY BE SOMETHING TO THE ALLEGATION OF  
BELA JARCOS JR INVOLVEMENT. BOTH MEN VOICED HOPE TO CONOFF  
THAT BELA NOT RETURN TO INDIA AS THEY THOUGHT HE MIGHT.

4. TODAY I RECEIVED LETTER FROM CHIEF SECRETARY NIYOGI  
(WHO RETIRES DEC 2) AS FOLLOWS: "NOVEMBER 27, 1973.  
DEAR MR. PICKERING,  
YOU MAY RECALL THE DISCUSSION WE HAD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1973,  
IN MY OFFICE REGARDING MR. RICHARD HARCOS AND MR. ANTHONY  
FLETCHER.  
THIS IS TO KEEP  
YOU INFORMED THAT WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS FOR  
ENSURING THAT THE CASE DID NOT DRAG ON IN ITS PRESENT STAGE.  
SOME PROGRESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE AND WE EXPECT THAT THE  
POSITION WOULD BE CLEARER BEFORE LONG.  
WITH BEST REGARDS, YOURS SINCERELY, A. NIYOGI."

I PLAN TO CALL HIM TO THANK HIM FOR THE NOTE AND WILL ASK  
WHAT TIME FRAME HE HAS IN MIND BEFORE "THE POSITION WOULD  
BE CLEARER."  
PICKERING

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